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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 53.3 degrees, 7.7 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, May 19. Precipitation averaged 2.21 inches, 1.29 inches above normal. Growing degree days were 48 points below normal.

Reporters rated 1.0 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, May 17. This is 1.3 days less than last year and 3.9 days less than the five-year average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 24 percent adequate, and 76 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2002	1.0	1.6	12.4
2001	2.3	5.7	31.2
1997-2001 Average	4.9	5.0	30.7

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	0	24	76
Last Week	0	0	33	67
Same Week Last Year	1	6	52	41
1997-2001 Average	4	18	61	17

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 19

Wet field conditions continued to hamper planting activities across the Buckeye State last week. The State’s **Corn** growers were only able to plant an additional 5 percent of their intended acreage, bringing the overall total to 22 percent. This is nearly three weeks behind the five-year

average pace and 75 percentage points behind last year. Persistent wet weather is forcing some growers to plant their crop in less than ideal soil conditions. Ten percent of the corn acreage had emerged by the end of the week. **Soybean** planting also continues to be slowed by wet conditions. As of Sunday evening, seven percent of the State’s soybean acreage had been planted compared to 84 percent in 2001, and 64 percent for the five-year average. Current progress is running 21 days behind normal. Only an additional seven percent of the intended **Potato** acreage was planted last week as growers battled muddy field conditions. Current progress is running nearly 14 days behind last year and 15 days behind the five-year average. Eighty-five percent of the State’s **Oat** acreage has been planted with 77 percent emerged and six percent headed. Ninety-nine percent of the **Tobacco** beds have plants up. Ninety-five percent of the State’s **Sugarbeet** acreage has been planted compared to 100 percent planted at this same time last year. Reporters estimate that 93 percent of the **Winter Wheat** acreage has jointed, and 15 percent headed.

Ninety-four percent of the **Apple** trees are in full bloom compared to 93 percent last year. Ninety-six percent of the State’s **Peach** trees are in full bloom compared to 97 in 2001.

Farming activities taking place last week included row crop and vegetable planting, equipment maintenance, fertilizer applications, herbicide spraying, cleaning bins, harvesting hay for silage, and fence row cleaning. Producers also prepared seed beds, mowed pastures, and hauled grain to markets.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Wheat conditions declined slightly from the previous week due to the wet conditions, but the majority remains rated in fair-to-good condition. The majority of the State’s pastures and hay fields are rated in fair-to-good condition, but are in need of sunshine. Livestock across the State continued to be rated in mostly good condition.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 19

Crop	2002	2001	1997-01 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa hay 1 st cutting	1	13	12	NA	NA
Corn planted	22	97	85	17	62
Corn emerged	10	82	51	9	21
Oats planted	85	100	99	74	68
Oats emerged	77	97	93	51	43
Oats headed	6	0	3	NA	NA
Other hay 1 st cutting	1	10	8	NA	NA
Potatoes planted	48	82	80	41	NA
Processing tomatoes planted	13	35	33	NA	NA
Soybeans planted	7	84	64	6	17
Soybeans emerged	3	53	26	1	3
Sugarbeets planted	95	100	NA	86	76
Tobacco beds having plants up	99	96	NA	87	NA
Winter wheat jointed	93	96	97	85	NA
Winter wheat headed	15	41	37	3	53

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 19

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	7	13	49	27	4
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	0	2	16	60	22
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	6	28	53	11
Previous Week	1	4	22	62	11
Previous Year	1	3	21	60	15
LIVESTOCK	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	3	17	64	16
Previous Week	0	1	13	72	14
Previous Year	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
OATS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	11	41	42	5
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	0	3	18	64	15
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	5	27	53	14
Previous Week	0	3	22	61	14
Previous Year	1	3	22	56	18
WINTER WHEAT	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	8	27	48	14
Previous Week	2	7	26	51	14
Previous Year	2	4	16	55	23

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MAY 19

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	50.4	-10.1	1.34	0.57	8.01	2.78	34	-51	351	-18
North Central	51.7	-8.3	1.91	1.11	8.11	2.80	32	-50	355	2
Northeast	51.9	-6.8	2.67	1.83	7.79	2.24	35	-43	350	8
West Central	53.1	-8.5	2.30	1.39	9.88	3.88	38	-54	407	3
Central	54.2	-7.6	2.16	1.25	8.11	2.16	44	-50	429	5
Central Hills	52.3	-7.7	2.21	1.33	8.30	2.46	35	-49	376	-1
Northeast Hills	52.7	-7.5	2.41	1.51	7.83	2.14	38	-48	382	-12
Southwest	55.4	-7.3	2.69	1.51	11.59	4.66	49	-49	473	21
South Central	56.2	-6.4	2.26	1.20	9.64	3.63	56	-43	511	20
Southeast	54.5	-6.9	2.31	1.32	8.78	2.87	49	-44	459	15
STATE	53.3	-7.7	2.21	1.29	8.86	3.00	42	-48	414	5

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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